

Carson Rudd

Flora, Indiana

Carroll @ Flora FFA

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Carson Rudd, 18, is currently serving as the 2023-2024 Indiana FFA Reporter. Carson is thrilled for the opportunity to serve the nearly 14,000 members of the Indiana FFA Association. Carson is the son of Chad and Michelle Rudd.

Throughout six years of active membership in the National FFA Organization, Carson has served in numerous leadership positions on the Chapter, District, and State level. On the Chapter level, Carson has served as the Carroll FFA Sentinel as well as Vice President and is currently stationed beneath the rising sun as Carroll FFA President. He has also been awarded Star Greenhand. Carson has served as the chair for the Chapter Kick-Off and the National FFA Week committees. On the District level, Carson is currently stationed by the plow as the District V Vice President. Throughout his involvement at the State level, Carson has attended Premier Leadership Training, Foundations in Reaching Excellence, and Seeking Opportunities Achieving Results conferences. These conferences have allowed him to serve as a counselor and mentor to younger FFA members. Carson has also had the opportunity to experience the Indiana State Fair workdays and set-up days, as well as work within the Country Market in the FFA Pavilion. At the National level, Carson has been fortunate to attend National Convention for four years and take part in the Washington Leadership Conference.

Carson has been involved in many Career Development Events, including Prepared Public Speaking, earning 2nd at the district level. Carson has also competed in Chapter Meeting—earning 1st and 2nd place awards at the district level and 3rd at the section level, Horticulture and Landscape Management Demonstration—receiving 1st at the district and state level, and Agricultural Sales receiving 5th at the state level.

Carson's Supervised Agricultural Experience is Vegetable Production. His operation consists of two medium sized plots of land where he grows tomatoes, bell peppers, green beans, banana peppers, jalapeños, and sweet corn. His responsibilities include watering the plants, weeding the gardens, and harvesting his produce.

Carson has been extremely active within his school and community as well. He is going to be a ten year member of 4-H. Within his school, Carson has been the Secretary of Student Council, member of the Concert Choir and Spanish Club and National Honor Society. Carson also has been an active member of Theater where he has been a Student Director as well as an Actor. Carson was the Chapter Sentinel and Vice President and is currently serving as President. Athletically, Carson was the Captain of the Varsity Tennis team and earned the honor of being named IHSTeCA Academic All State. Carson has helped to grow the team's skills by being a Varsity Girls Tennis Manager.

Carson is ranked 5th out of 92 students in his class. He will be graduating with an Academic Honors Diploma. Carson plans to attend Kansas State University and double major in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Communication with the hope to one day become an agricultural educator and FFA advisor in the great state of Indiana.